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SUBJ: FRENCH TRANSLATION OF IMPORTANT SPEECHES
AND DOCUMENTS

REF: A) NOUAKCHOTT 1897; B) ALGIERS 2058

I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT REQUEST BY AMBASSADORS HANDYSIDE
AND PARKER THAT DEPT TAKE STEPS TO ASSURE THAT FRANCOPHONE
POSTS ARE PROVIDED FRENCH TRANSLATION SIMULTANEOUSLY
WITH ORIGINAL VERSION OF IMPORTANT SPEECHES AND
DOCUMENTS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT WHEN
AMBASSADOR IS ASKED TO DELIVER DOCUMENT AT HIGH LEVEL
OF HOST GOVERNMENT, AS HAS HAPPENED HERE SEVERAL TIMES
IN LAST MONTH. WIRELESS FILE HAS PROVED UNSATISFACTORY
FOR THIS PURPOSE BECAUSE OF DELAYS, LARGE NUMBER OF
GARBLES IN TRANSMISSION, AND FACT THAT DOCUMENT OR
SPEECH NOT CARRIED IN ITS ENTIRETY IN FRENCH OR NOT
CARRIED AT ALL IN FRENCH. TO HAVE FULL IMPACT THAT
DEPT DESIRES WHEN MAKING HIGH LEVEL APPROACH TO HOST
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GOVERNMENT, PRESENTATION MUST BE TIMELY. WHEN WIRELESS

FILE FAILS US, WE HAVE TO DEPEND ON TRANSLATION DONE
LOCALLY WHICH, IF DOCUMENT IS LENGTHY, DELAYS DELIVERY.
IT ALSO INCREASES CHANCE OF INACCURACY CREEPING INTO
TEXT. FINALLY, MANY HOURS WOULD BE SAVED BY HAVING
TRANSLATION DONE ONCE IN WASHINGTON RATHER THAN AT
EACH POST WHERE ENGLISH IS NOT GENERALLY USED BY HIGH
LEVEL OFFICIALS.
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